



## WELCOME TO OUR Monthly Newsletter

We are excited for the upcoming **International Education Week** that will take place from November 18-22. Please check out the “Get Connected” section of the newsletter for more details as we celebrate the importance of international education together!

As **Fall Break** approaches, we encourage everyone to take time to rest and relax. Be sure to read the newsletter to prepare for your plans, whether you are staying on campus or traveling.

**Thanksgiving** is a significant American holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It’s a time for families and friends to come together to express gratitude, often featuring traditional meals such as turkey and various sides. Many people travel to be with loved ones during this holiday. Learn more about [Thanksgiving](#).

Starting in Spring 2025, we will be **discontinuing** the **Tiger International Newsletter**. The weekly email reminders will continue, and the information shared in the Newsletter will be posted on social media. Make sure and give us a follow to keep up-to-date with the latest news and reminders!

**Instagram:** [fhsu\\_international](#)

**Facebook:** [FHSU International Student Services](#)



## SERVICES

### Passport and I-20/DS-2019 Renewal

If your passport is expiring, you must renew and get a new one BEFORE the expiration date, even if you will not be traveling outside the United States! This can be done within in the U.S. through your country's embassy.

If your I-20 document will expire December 31, 2024 and you will not be graduating, you will need to complete an Academic Program Extension form and provide updated financials to maintain your status. Visit the [Academic Program Extension](#) web site for further details and the form.

### Register for Spring 2025 Courses **ACT NOW**

It's time to register for Spring 2025 courses. To get started, log into Workday and click the myFHSU icon. For step-by-step registration instructions, visit this [website](#) and scroll to the "Student Registration Activities" section.

Schedule a meeting with your academic advisor to discuss your classes. Early registration is underway. Check the University [calendar](#) for your registration date, based on your class standing and last name.

There are some limitations in the number of online courses international students can take. The majority of the required full-time credits must be completed on campus. Keep in mind that a minimum of 12 credits is required to maintain full-time status.

### Fall Break

Fall Break is November 25-29, and there will be no classes. The campus will be quiet, and many offices will have modified hours. The campus will be closed on November 28 and 29.

If you plan to travel during the break, take your passport and I-20/DS-2019 with you. If you plan to leave the U.S., your I-20 will need to be signed for travel. Bring your I-20 to the office for the travel signature.

If you plan to stay on-campus during the break, you will need to complete a Fall Breaks Housing Application form that will be emailed to you by the Residential Life office. You must complete this form by the given deadline.

If you plan to stay in Hays during Fall Break, here are dining options for you:

Restaurants in Hays:

<https://www.visithays.com/94/Dining>

Downtown Hays Dining:

<https://www.downtownhays.com/dining>

Remember, Tiger Transport will still run during this time; Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:00-5:00pm.







## GET CONNECTED

### International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW) is coming up on November 18–22, and we encourage YOU to join in the celebrations! It is a great opportunity to explore different cultures and connect with our global community. Here are two events we wanted to highlight:

- International Festival (November 18, 6–9 p.m., Black & Gold Room): Enjoy food, music, and more from around the world! Register [here!](#)
- If you would like to share food or showcase items, please fill out this [form](#) by October 31.
- #YouAreWelcomeHere Video: Participate by submitting a photo or joining a bilingual video. Complete this [form](#) by November 5, and a Global Ambassador will reach out to schedule a time.

Questions? Contact Amy Liu at [2275799698@qq.com](mailto:2275799698@qq.com).  
Be sure to check out all the [IEW events](#) on our website!

### Upcoming ISU events/activities

#### **Join the International Student Union (ISU) and Become Part of a Global Community!**

Attention all students—whether you are new to campus or returning for another exciting year, we invite you to join the International Student Union (ISU)! As a member, you will have the chance to connect with peers from around the world, build meaningful friendships, and experience diverse cultures right here on campus. Membership is \$10 and benefits include priority RSVP for events and trips, and discounts for out of town trips.

ISU is more than just a student organization—exists to build and foster a community that celebrates global diversity and cultural exchange. By joining ISU, you'll get the opportunity to: Participate in Exciting Events & Activities, Build a Global Network, and Enhance Your Campus Experience

#### **Looking for Leaders—Become an ISU Officer!**

We are currently seeking students to join our leadership team! Serving as an ISU officer is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the global community on campus while gaining valuable leadership experience. As an officer, you will have the chance to help organize events for students, faculty, and staff to engage and experience different cultures!

Interested in becoming an officer? Reach out Damilola ([d\\_atanda.se@fhsu.edu](mailto:d_atanda.se@fhsu.edu)) to learn more about available positions and how to apply.

Do not miss the chance to be a part of this community! Whether you are looking to make new friends, learn about the world, or step into a leadership role, ISU has something for you.

### Social Media

Be in the know and follow us on social media!

Website: [www.fhsu.edu/international/index](http://www.fhsu.edu/international/index)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FHSUISS/](https://www.facebook.com/FHSUISS/)

Instagram: [@fhsu\\_international](https://www.instagram.com/fhsu_international)





## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: LIVING AND LEARNING AT FHSU

### WORKDAY:

#### Workday Student Resources

[Workday](#) has a web site that provides students with detailed information under the STUDENT SELF SERVICE Documents and Videos heading on how to navigate the Workday platform. This is a great place to start if you need to know how to complete tasks in Workday.

This web site includes:

- Student financials - how to make a payment, enroll in payment plan, view student financials
- Student records - review contact information and make edits, print unofficial transcript, designate diploma mailing address
- Academic advising & student registration - register for courses from your academic plan, swap, drop, withdraw from courses, academic advising

### LIVING:

#### Student Residential Life

Students who plan to stay in the residence halls over Fall Break will need to complete a Fall Break Housing Form. This form can be found in the email that Residential Life will send to all students living in a residence hall. The application will be open from Nov 4-15. For questions, visit with your CA or Hall Director of the hall you live in. Students MUST request to stay in the residence hall over Fall Break no later than November 15! Contact [Student Residential Life](#) for housing questions or concerns.

### LEARNING:

#### Writing Center

FHSU students can receive free, one-on-one writing consultations at any stage of the writing process. Their goal is to help students become better writers and develop strong writing habits through personalized sessions. Their team of trained undergraduate and graduate consultants offers guidance on various aspects of writing, including understanding assignment guidelines, brainstorming, organizing content, evaluating sources, revising, and improving technical skills.

The Writing Center will also provide feedback on application materials like résumés and cover letters, supporting students in all disciplines with effective writing strategies and techniques. Visit the [Writing Center](#) to make an appointment.

#### Academic Calendar

The [academic calendar](#) at FHSU is an essential resource for students to stay informed about key dates and important deadlines throughout the semester. Make sure to regularly check the academic calendar to avoid missing crucial dates.

#### FHSU General Scholarship Application

Apply Now for FHSU Scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Priority Deadline: November 15, 2024

Final Deadline: February 15, 2025

Do not miss your chance to apply for [scholarships](#). Log in with your TigerNetID to explore available scholarships and begin your application. The online system will automatically match you with scholarships you are eligible for and recommend others you may qualify for, then you apply for each separately.